

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1                   1.     (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning ~~and preparing~~ produce, the  
2 method comprising:  
3                   transporting the produce on a conveyor;  
4                   rotating the produce substantially continuously during the transporting; and  
5                   applying steam directly to an outer surface of the produce on the conveyor.

1                   2.     (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein the  
2 steam is applied at a pressure in a range of 20-100 psi.

1                   3.     (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1 further comprising  
2 washing the produce on the conveyor.

1                   4.     (Original) A method in accordance with claim 3 wherein the washing is  
2 done prior to applying steam.

1                   5.     (Original) A method in accordance with claim 4 wherein the steam is  
2 applied at a pressure in a range of 20-90 psi.

1                   6.     (Original) A method in accordance with claim 3 wherein the washing is  
2 done after applying steam.

1                   7.     (Original) A method in accordance with claim 6 wherein the steam is  
2 applied at a pressure in a range of 20-100 psi.

1                   8-13. (Canceled)